

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 17, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of time to respond to the Office Action is submitted herewith. Claims 1-9 and 30-81 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 6, 9, 55, 64, and 73 are currently amended and are in independent form. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any fees due in connection with this response.

The Office Action rejected claims 64-72 under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2 as being indefinite due to an antecedent basis error with the limitation “the first representative text items” in claim 64. Claim 64 is hereby amended to correct this typographical error.

The Office Action rejected all pending independent claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) based on *Budzik* (“User Interactions with Everyday Applications as Context for Just-in-time Information Access”). In light of the current amendments, applicant respectfully disagrees with and traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the interview conducted on March 19, 2008. During that interview the Budzik white papers and associated pseudo code algorithms were discussed. Tentative agreement was reached regarding certain claim amendments that would overcome the Budzik white papers. Although no final claim language was drafted during the interview, Applicants believe the amendments made herein to the independent claims are consistent with the agreed upon language. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

More specifically, each independent claim now recites some version of “computing a frequency of occurrence of the stylistic attribute in an active computer task and assigning a weight with a magnitude that is determined by the frequency of occurrence of the stylistic

attribute” (emphasis added). For example, if bold is common in the document, do not add weight to bolded words.

As discussed during the interview, the algorithm described in the Budzik white papers (including “User Interactions with Everyday Applications as Context for Just-in-time Information Access”) increases the weight of words that are early in the document as well as bold words that are late in the document. The algorithm described in the Budzik white papers does not generate “compute a frequency of occurrence of the stylistic attribute in an active computer task and assign a weight with a magnitude that is determined by the frequency of occurrence of the stylistic attribute” (e.g., determine the percentage of bold words in the document to see if bold words deserve additional weight) as currently claimed.

Because *Budzik* fails to teach this feature, all of the independent claims and all claims that depend therefrom are in condition for allowance. An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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